

REMARKS

Claims 21, 60 - 76 and 78 - 80 are pending with claims 1 - 6, 8 - 10, 25, 28 - 48, 50 - 52, 55 - 57 and 77 canceled and claim 80 added by this paper. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments be entered because they put the application in condition for allowance and require no further searching.

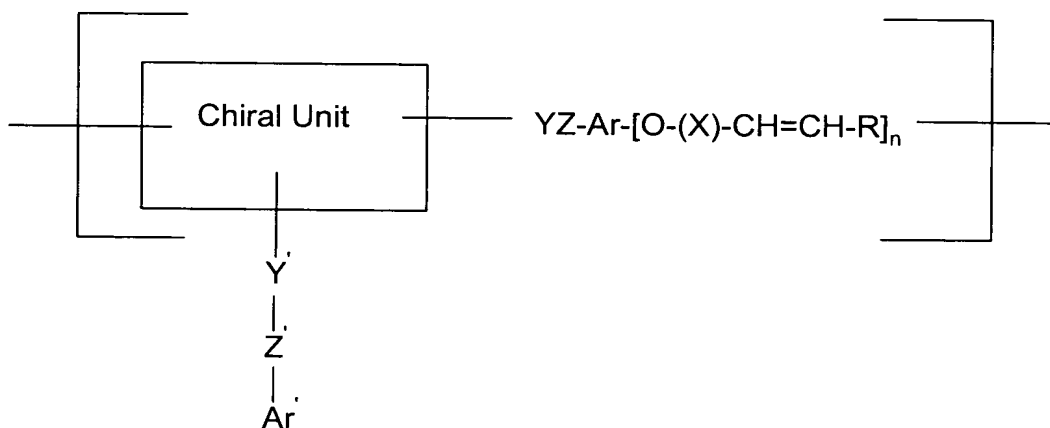
With respect to new claim 80, claim 80 depends on claim 65, which is allowable, and support can be found at page 16, lines 1 - 4 and in claim 25 as originally filed. In addition, the withdrawn claims have been canceled to facilitate its entry.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C §112

Claims 60, 64, 70 and 75 have been amended to overcome the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C §112. Applicants respectfully submit that these claim rejections should be withdrawn. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments should not be construed as acquiescence to any ground of rejection.

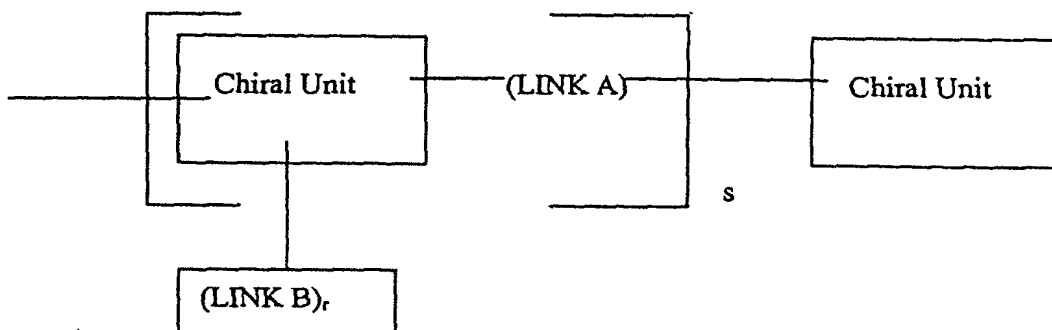
Additionally, claims 60, 61, 63 - 65, 68, 69, and 75 have been amended for clarification such as defining "Y" as --an amino group-- to replace "the amino group" to be consistent with other definitions of the radicals. None of these amendments narrow the scope of the claims.

With respect to claim 64, claim 64 defines a polymerizable precursor III with the following formula:



Claim 65 defines that such a polymerizable precursor is reacted and polymerized, and

thus results in the following compound:



Consequently, it cannot be said that LINK A and the precursor of formula III represent a single structure. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are definite and that the rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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